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JIM VANCE: While the rest of the government is cutting back, laying off employees, firing them, one agency is hiring.

NewsCenter 4's Stan Bernard reports on the nationwide recruiting drive by the Central Intelligence Agency.

[Clip of CIA ad].

MAN: If you'd like to help shape a world to come, send your resume to the Central Intelligence Agency, P.O. Box 1925, Room...

[End of clip].

STAN BERNARD: It's the cloak and dagger agency. The House just passed a spending authorization bill for intelligence gathering, and as usual, the number of dollars was not disclosed, but it's presumed to have been increased.

From this unlabeled but high security building in Rosslyn, Virginia, the CIA is directing its recruiting drive.

WALTON: We recruit against more than a hundred different occupational categories.

BERNARD: Some of the jobs are done everywhere, such as clerks, and a variety of kinds of engineers or mathematicians. But they also want photo interpreters, people good with languages. And they have openings in a spy-training program.

WALTON: You use the word "spy". I'm not going to.

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BERNARD: Some of the recruiting is being done on campuses all across the country, where an unscientific survey found the reception to be favorable.

MAN: I think it's good that they're doing it.

WOMAN: I would consider it, depending on the circumstances of the job.

SECOND MAN: It's very tough to get a job. Right now it's tough to get a job anywhere in this area.

BERNARD: What do you pay a spy in training?

WALTON: A spy in training? What do we pay someone in our career training program? They can be paid up to \$25,000 during training.

BERNARD: On a secretive note. You don't want to tell me what your salary and expense line is on your budget, do you?

WALTON: No.

BERNARD: Walton said this is not a job you start tomorrow. Even if the CIA likes you, wants you, needs you badly, the security clearance will take a minimum of six months before you can earn your trench coat.

Stan Bernard, NewsCenter 4 in Rosslyn.